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## BIG ISLAND'S LOSS IS GEORGIA'S GAIN

The tall, blond, blue-eyed teacher we now see in our corridors will be leaving us soon. Her name is Louise Wilson and she is ~~currently teaching the sixth grade~~; she is leaving us because her husband is being transferred to Valdosta, Georgia.

### LEAVING COMMENTS:

Mrs. Wilson: "I regret having to leave Big Island. Being as I have lived here all my life, gone to school here, and graduated here, I have a great deal of sentiment for Big Island."

Mr. Oglesby: "I feel that Big Island is losing not only a very fine person but also one of the finest teachers that I have ever had the pleasure of working with. Her loss to this school is going to be tremendously felt in many aspects. She is a teacher of many new ideas, the ideas which go to make her classes and the entire school a more stimulating and interesting place to live. She has always been most willing, most capable, and most dependable. I need not wish her success in the future because I have observed always that whatever she may have a part in, success will automatically be there!"

Mrs. Neal: "Mrs. Wilson has been an inspiration to me. As we both are grade teachers, she has helped me to understand and appreciate my position.

I will miss her intently."

Mrs. Parks: "Mrs. Wilson's unexpected transfer to Georgia will prove a great

loss in everyway to the school and community. Mrs. Wilson proved to be a competent and popular High School and elementary teacher, and our loss is Georgia's gain."

Mickey Douglas: "As one of Mrs. Wilson's former students, I surely hate to see her leave. If it hadn't been for her I wouldn't have been interested in Algebra

Betty Byers: "Last year I was a student in her Algebra 1 class. Without her great help I wouldn't have ever taken Algebra 11 this year. She seemed to make any subject fun for me."

Johnny Reynolds: "She was a good teacher and easy to get along with. I feel that I learned much from her classes."

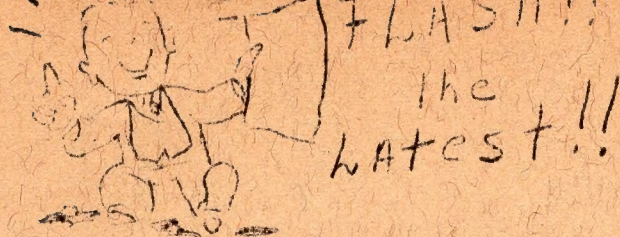
Mrs. Wilson has been living here all her life, she went to school here, and graduated here. She attended Madison College at Harrisonburg, Virginia; where she majored in Home Economics.

She and Mr. Wilson have been married for 14 years, and have three lovely daughters; Martha, 12; Evangeline, 6; and Dorothy, 2. Her favorite hobbies are sewing and cooking and her favorite sport is basketball. She is a member of the Big Island Methodist Church; and in the past, has been a member of the Garden Club.

She taught school for 11 years, High School and elementary grades. Last year she was our A. Y. sponsor. Mrs. Wilson does not plan to continue teaching.

By: Kaye Honsley





## WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

Three new students have enrolled at Big Island. Judy Crowe comes to us from Hopewell, Virginia. She is in Miss Page's seventh grade class. Judy and June Seay from Dandridge, Tennessee, who were here with us last year, have returned. Judy is also in the seventh grade, and June is in Mrs. Neal's sixth grade class.

The Faculty and students welcome each of you to our school and we feel sure you will enjoy being at Big Island.

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## ON THE RECOVERY LIST

Mr. Murray Neas, father of Wayne Neas, has just returned home, from University Hospital in Charlottesville, Va., where he underwent a serious brain operation. He is improving steadily.

Miss Nancy Wilson spent part of her Christmas holidays in Bedford Memorial Hospital. We are glad to see her well and back in school. Now, it wasn't so bad, was it Nancy?

All the students here at Big Island High were sorry to hear that Alice Burks was in the Virginia Baptist Hospital. It seems that she is suffering from the after effects of Laryngitis. Get well quick, gal. We miss you.

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## A MAGICIAN SHOW WAS STAGED

Magic and more magic right before our own eyes was featured on the Southeastern Assembly program on Friday afternoon, December 12--all for the price of a quarter.

The show consisted of many interesting stunts. Some of them were done with volunteer participation from the audience.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the program.

By--Eleanor Tomlin

Betty Jones--Now Mrs. D. L. Jones  
Bobby Brown--Employed at Owen's Illinois and married to the former Myrene Ross.

Arthur Burks--Employed as a garage mechanic.

Edith DeWitt--Now Mrs. Elliott.

Dottie Farley--Now Mrs. Tony Davis.

Glenna Fifer--Now Mrs. Paul Putney.

Jean Harris--Now Mrs. Charles McNeely.

Patria Manley--Now Mrs. Nelson Johnson.

Audrey Markham--Now Mrs. Saunders.

Norma McNeely--Employed at Bank of Big Island.

Jackie Oliver--Now Mrs. William Turpin.

Emma Lou Sanderson--Works for an insurance company.

Shirley Tolley--Now Mrs. Lyle Breeden.

Phyllis Turpin--Employed at First National Exchange Bank in Roanoke.

Myrene Ross--Employed as secretary to a lawyer and is Mrs. Bobby Brown.

Penny Shepherd--Employed at Michell's Super-Market.

Aline Tomlinson--Now Mrs. Jack DeWitt.

Randy Williams--Attending Lynchburg College.

Iris Routon--Receptionist for a doctor.

Bobby Taylor--Attending University of Richmond.

Robert Williams--Employed at Craddock-Terry Shoe Factory.

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## TRAGEDY STRIKES

On the 26th of December, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Goff was burned and only a few items were saved as their home went up in flames. We are all truly sorry to hear of this tragedy and wish them the best in the coming future.

The home, owned by Mr. Oliver, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Fainter was burned on the night of December 11. Only a few items could be saved. The fire was discovered by Mrs. Oliver, and the lives of all the Fainter family may well have been saved by her. Firemen battled the blaze in freezing weather for hours before it was finally stopped.

By--Betty Lee St. John



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some things during 1958 that we shouldn't have done and we have left undone some things we should have done.

How we need to look forward with faith and courage into the new year that God has given us. Let us resolve to profit by our mistakes of the past and attempt to overcome them in the future. Let us cease to find fault of others, but try to improve ourselves.

Do you want 1959 to be a happy year for you? Then follow the example of Christ and you are on the road to true happiness. Happy New Year, everybody!

Assistant Editor

SONG

EDNA to Dickie-----Lonely Teardrops  
RONNIE to Dot-----One Night  
JOC to Shirley-----My Happiness  
JIM to Opal-----Gotta Travel On  
FRANK to Gladys-----Devoted To You  
FRANKLIN to Everybody-----Forget-Me-Not  
TRAY to Betty Lee-----The Lover's Question  
EARL to Dolores-----True Love  
ELEANOR to Bob E.-----The Secret  
LAWLESS to Brenda-----I love You So Much  
TRULY to Benny T.-----Just a Dream  
HENRY M. to Joyce-----Love Me  
BARBARA C. to James G.-----Precious Love  
JUDY to David-----I'll Wait For You  
PEARL to Robert S.-----I Love You So Much  
JANICE to Eddie-----To Know Him Is To  
Love Him  
BUD L. to Barbara M.-----I've Got A Tangled  
Mind  
MAEBELLE to Joe-----Need You  
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BECKY to Bobby H.-----Chipmunk Song  
R. W. L. to Weatherman-----It Ain't Gonna  
Rain No More  
MICKY to John Robert-----My Happiness  
PATSY T. to Ronnie O.-----The End  
MARFORIO to Bud F.-----So Much  
CLYDE to Ann M.-----My True Love  
BEATRICE to John D.-----I love You So Much  
BORNICE to "Pat"-----My Happiness  
LAYNE W. to Betty B.-----I'll Wait For You  
SUSIE to Joe W.-----One Night  
CAROL H. to Cecil R.-----This Little Girl  
Gone Rockin'

EDITORIAL . . .



January, 1959, marks the beginning of a new calendar. Originally the Roman calendar began in March. January is said to have been added by Numa Pompilius, giving it thirty days, but when Julius Caesar reformed the calendar he made it the first month of the year and gave it an extra day. January was named for the Roman god Janus, whose name was invoked at the beginning of any important undertaking. He was held in uncommon reverence by the Romans, and as the guardian of doors and gates he was usually represented with two faces, one looking forward and one backward.

It would be well if each one of us would look backward over the year that has just passed and take inventory of ourselves. Did we make good use of each opportunity that we had? Did we always strive in our home, school, church, and community life to live our best? If we are really honest we must admit that we have all made mistakes. We have done



From the

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE . . .

### AN IMPORTANT JOB

One of the most important jobs in our school is that which is performed by the student bus drivers. We owe a great deal to them for the extra effort they make to see that we get to school safe and on time. These boys, Franklin Reynolds, Harold Plott, Eddie Arthur and Wray Tomlinson have to arise quite early on these cold mornings to inspect their buses and prepare them for their runs. These boys are in charge of and entrusted with the care of large numbers of us on our way to and from school. It is, therefore, up to each of us to cooperate with them by behaving ourselves, keeping quiet, respecting what they tell us to do, keeping our seats and obeying the Safety Patrol members who they have helping them. No job in the operation of our school is a more important one than that which these boys perform.

We would like to congratulate these boys on the very fine way they have handled their job this year. They are a fine team.

Willis P. Oglesby

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### FIRE DRILLS

Due to the recent fire in Chicago much more stress will be placed upon the safety measures taken in the schools. We will be called upon on occasions to have our fire drills at all times of the day, blocking off certain exits as follows:

- (1) If the front entrance is blocked off the evacuation will be in the same order except the two lines will go down the right and left steps and follow the third and fourth grades out.
- (2) If the third or fourth grade exits are blocked off, the students in those two grades will follow the shop and home ec. classes out. If these doors are not open the pupils will come up the steps and follow out through the front of the school.
- (3) In the lower end of the building, if the exit at Mrs. H. Mitchell's room is blocked the pupils in those two

rooms will go through the auditorium and out the side door of the auditorium. If the exit at Mrs. Sowell's room is blocked, those two rooms will do likewise. If both are blocked all will exit through the auditorium.

- (4) If the exit in the shop or home ec. is blocked, pupils will follow the third and fourth grades out.
- (5) All other situations will be handled as the teacher sees fit.

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MR. PRESIDENT

"I MOVE"

### MONTHLY 4-H MEETINGS

On the first Thursday in every month we have 4-H meetings sixth period.

There are 41 members on roll.

The National 4-H project for this year is "Forestry."

We open with devotion, after which the group is led in songs by the song leaders Marjorie Seay and Ronnie Day.

We have roll call and then the reading of the minutes.

Following the business session, the "Pledge of Allegiance" and the "4-H Pledge" are led by Roger Booth, our president.

The meeting is then adjourned.

By: Mickey Douglas

### F. H. A. NEWS

The F.H.A. members met on Monday, Dec. 15, in the Home Ec. room. The devotional was led by Carol Hart and Mary Burks. Karen Hensley reported on the candy sale.

The following were in charge of decorating for the dance: Rachel Branch, Becky Dawson, Jeanine Goff, Carol Hart, Jeanne Ramsey, Jeanette Rice, and Betty St. John as chairman. Refreshment committee members were: Nancy Blankenship, Gloria Burks, Cecilia Collins, Dana Humphreys, Sandra Snead, Sandra Spence and Betty Trevey.

Sandra Wood, reporter said plans included a degree meeting in January.

By: Sandra Wood

The SCA program on January 12 was given by the Eighth Grade—a very good program.





### VICTORY AGAIN

The Blue Jackets are on their way again by defeating Montvale High 59-48 January 13, at Montvale.

It was a nip-and-tuck battle all through the game, but Big Island pulled out in front at the half 28-23 and kept up the pace to be the Victors.

Neil Gasto was high scorer with 20 points.

—Barry Spence

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### LOOKED GOOD

Jr. Varsity team playing their first game of the season looked as if they had been playing all season even in defeat against Montvale Thursday afternoon. Big Island was leading 32-31 with 10 seconds to go when Montvale had the ball. A tie ball occurred and Montvale got the tip and with less than 5 seconds to go hit on a desperation shot from outside making it 33-32 Montvale, with no time left on the clock.

All players looked good handling and working the ball as a unit. Lacy Hudson, whose shooting was a little off, made up the difference in strong rebounding and outstanding defensive work. All players showed hustle and strong ability on defense. David Arthur played with the J. V. team due to the height of the Montvale Squad.

—Coach Braswell

### THE CODE OF A GOOD SPORT

1. Thou shalt not quit.
2. Thou shalt not alibi.
3. Thou shalt not gloat over winning.
4. Thou shalt not be a bitter loser.
5. Thou shalt not take unfair advantage.
6. Thou shalt not ask odds thou are not willing to give.
7. Thou shalt always be ready to give thine opponents the shade.
8. Thou shalt **not** overestimate thyself.
9. Remember the game is the thing and that he who thinketh otherwise is a knocker and not a true sportsman.
10. Honor the game thou playest, for he who playeth the game straight and hard wins even though he loseth.

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### HOW ARE YOU PLAYING THE GAME?

Do you wilt and whine  
If you fail to win  
In the manner you think your due?  
Do you smile at the man  
In case that he can  
And does do better than you?  
Do you take your rebukes  
With a knowing grin?  
Do you laugh though you pull too lame?  
Does your faith hold true  
When the whole world's blue?  
How are you playing the game?

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### PLAY THE GAME!

Play the game.  
Win if you can,  
Lose if you must,  
But be a man.



A poor loser—A good loser



While walking through the forest  
of "thought" one day,  
A very strange tree I spied.  
This tree had something to say,  
Because from each branch curiosity cried.

This tree I did shake,  
To see what was in store.  
There were facts about me,  
And many years before.

Now if you are wondering  
What I found there that day,  
Just read the following lines,  
And they tell what this tree did say.

My Great Grandfather Hawks  
was a horse trader by trade.  
Off other's misfortunes his  
Living he made.

He was a poor Englishman,  
It is true.  
Doing nothing he could make  
Anyone else do.

Reynolds is the English name  
He choose for his bride.  
He lived with her happily  
Until the day he died.

My other Grandfather lived in a  
Little Log Cabin on the side of a hill.  
He was an old country preacher,  
Doing the Lord's will.

"Uncle Bugs," as he was known,  
His shiny bald head, Irish temper,  
And long white beard.  
He also ran a "truck garden" that  
His family may be fed.  
From an English and Indian family of  
His wife he choose. Tensley  
And then a new line  
Of Americans arose.

The St. John's were farmers,  
On my daddy's side.  
English decent was he,  
Also Reynolds his bride.

Great Grandfather Downey and  
His wife, a Martin, were English too.  
Carpentry and Mill Wright work  
Was what he choose to do.

So you see what I found  
When I shook the family tree.

Not a millionaire in the lot;  
So there's not much chance for me.

low my ancestors weren't famous,  
As you can see.  
But I am very proud of everyone,  
As proud as I can be.

by Betty Lee St. John

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SNOOPER

The Ford station wagon has been zoom-  
ing around the school was a gift from  
Santa Claus to one of our faculty members.  
How fast will it go "Oach?"

From what I see and hear Marjorie is  
carrying a torch for someone at Coleman  
Falls, who goes by the nickname "Bud."  
Am I seeing and hearing correctly, or is  
it Harold? Make up your mind, Kid!

Allen S. and Larry Ives both seem to  
have eyes for the same girl. Is this  
true? If so, may the best man win.

Who was the dashing sailor who escort-  
ed Edna around during the Christmas Holi-  
days? Was it Dickie, Edna?

Who does Janice Whitt secretly admire?  
Is he dark headed or sandy brown? What  
about it, Janice?

Betty, what was your reason for not  
going to see Carolyn? Are you serious  
over him?

Aha! Jeanette, who was the senior  
boy you were sitting beside at the Christ-  
mas Dance? Could this be an old flame?  
Speaking of flames, Patsy T. and hers  
reported that the whistle blew long, loud  
and clear Wednesday night. Are you sure?

Space travelers are forever present  
in our school. In case you are wonder-  
ing what I mean by "Space Travelers",  
I'll explain. They are people up in the  
air over someone else. Some of our space  
travelers are, Jimmy Downey, Mike Brown,  
Billy Hudson, Johnny Goff, Ray Wilson,  
Glyde Hensley and Freddie Massie. Happy  
landing if you boys ever decide to jump  
for earth.

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#### NINTH GRADE HAS CLASS CHRISTMAS PLAY

The ninth grade portrayed the Christ-  
mas story for their class program Monday,  
December 15. Mr. Oglesby was honor guest.  
The play began with the singing of Silent  
Night as Mary and Joseph moved toward the  
inn and ended with Mary and Joseph leav-  
ing Egypt.



Big Island not having exams?  
 The bus drivers not going to Bedford?  
 Mr. Oglesby being bald-headed?  
 The lunch room without Mrs. Reynolds and  
 Mrs. Boehmann?  
 The high school teachers not showing up  
 for class?  
 Johnny going steady?  
 Lawless without Brenda?  
 Betty and Jean not going home for lunch?  
 Earl not going to Lynchburg?  
 Ronnie being in love?  
 The girls winning a basketball game?  
 Edna not talking about the Navy?  
 Susie not having a friend from across the  
 river?  
 Gladys not dreaming of a certain airman  
 (Frank)?  
 Shirley not going with Joe?  
 Truly not being called "Possum"?

### CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY

Mrs. Ruby Neal and her sixth graders  
 presented an outstanding Christmas pro-  
 gram Friday morning, December 19 to the  
 entire student body.

The program consisted of the story of  
 the birth of Jesus; symbols of Christmas  
 and their meanings; poems and songs. Ma-  
 rtha Wilson was the narrator.

The stage was decorated to represent  
 the manger scene. Characters were dress-  
 ed in costumes carrying out the styles of  
 that time.

Afterward Mr. Braswell on behalf of the  
 faculty presented Mr. Oglesby with a  
 Christmas gift--a lovely Sheaffer fountain  
 pen.

Mrs. Mitchell's Second Grade class has  
 selected this as one of their favorite  
 poems.

#### LITTLE SNOW MAN

Smile, little snow man,  
 Round and fat,  
 With your coal-black eyes,  
 And your cardboard hat.  
 Smile, little snow man,  
 Smile all day,  
 For the wind blows cold  
 And the sky is gray.  
 Smile, little snow man,  
 Watch for the sun.  
 And then, little snow man,  
 Run, run, run.

Leland B. Jacobs

Gay says: A sensible girl doesn't look  
 sensible because a sensible girl has  
 more sense than to look sensible.

Gladys to Dr.: It's terrible. My sister  
 thinks she's a refrigerator.  
 Dr.: That's too bad. Seems like a rather  
 harmless delusion.  
 Gladys: I don't mind the delusion, but  
 when she snoops with her mouth open, the  
 little light keeps me awake.

"Johnny", asked the geography teacher:  
 "Can you tell me where the English Channel  
 is?" "No, ma'am, I can't," was the answer  
 "We don't have a TV set at home."

Slim: "What is a drizzle?"

Plim: "Two drips going steady."

Gay says: The trouble with tempers is  
 that you always lose them when you need  
 them most.

They say that money talks, but all it  
 ever says to me is "Good-By."

"Yes," said the mountain climber, "I  
 always keep a rope tied around my waist.  
 It has saved my life more than once."

"But," said the listener, "It must be  
 awful to be left hanging from a rope.  
 "Just high strung, that's all."

The class was having an examination in  
 English literature.

"Great Scott!" cried Jim. "I've for-  
 gotten who wrote Ivanhoe."

"I can tell you that," said Paul, "If  
 you'll tell me who the dickens wrote 'The  
 Tale of Two Cities.'"

Two small girls brought a box full of  
 dirt to their mother. They told her to  
 be very careful of it.

Mother: "All right, but tell me, why  
 is it so special?"

Girls: "It's full of instant mud pies!"



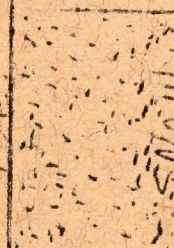
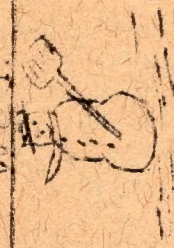
The bus was crowded when the young lady  
 got on, and a soldier attempted to rise.  
 She pushed him back gently, and he tried  
 to rise once more.

"No, no, thank you," she said, pushing  
 him back again.

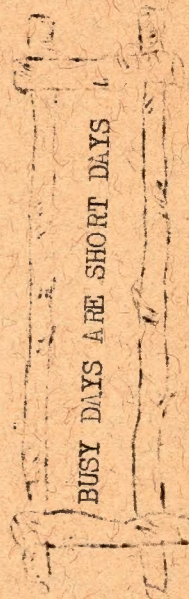
"Please let me get up, lady," said the  
 soldier. "I'm two blocks past my destina-  
 tion now."



# QUARTALY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	 WIND	 SNOW	 SNOW	1	2	3
4		6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

\*Attention! The attendance at this hop will determine whether or not we will continue these dances.



BUSY DAYS ARE SHORT DAYS